

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 4, 7 – 48, 50-52 and 54-72 are pending. Claims 1, 9, 16 and 17 are in independent form. Claims 49 and 53 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 9, 16, 17, 50, 51, 52, 54-57 and 60 have been amended. Claims 5 and 6 have been previously cancelled and claims 73 and 74 have been previously withdrawn.

Applicant would like to thank Examiners Ustaris and Srivastava for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview on 05 December 2005 with the Applicant and his Attorney, the undersigned. During that Interview, memorialized in an Interview Summary Office communication mailed on 9 December 2005, Applicant discussed the distinctions of the present invention over the prior art, relating to Applicants' claimed methods and systems for storing and distributing media blocks in particular beginning with whole frames. As noted in Applicants' previous Response and discussed during the interview, storage and distribution of media blocks beginning with whole frames distinguishes technically over the art of record and provides significant advantages including the available granularity of playback.

Examiner Ustaris noted that the claims as presented failed to recite any playback of the media blocks whereby the benefit of the whole frame usage is at least in part recognized. Examiner Ustaris indicated he might consider such amended claims favorably as distinguishing over the prior art.

Each of independent claims 1, 9, 16 and 17 have been herein amended to recite a distribution server (claims 1, 9) or distributing step (claims 16, 17) wherein requested media blocks begin with a whole frame. No new matter has been added. (See, for example, page 13, line 15 – page 14, line 16 and page 19, line 4 – page 20, line 13.)

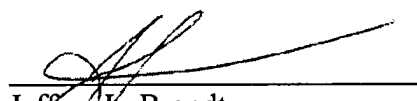
Typographical errors in claim 17 have been corrected. Claims 49 and 53 have been cancelled and claims 50-52, 54-57 and 60 have been amended to make them consistent with the amended parent claims. An additional minor amendment was made to each of dependent claims 52 and 56.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and the allowance of the present application.

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